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Dear Ms. Dixon

It has been brought to my attention that the US government plans to put a nuclear waste site on Yucca Mountain. I have many concerns about the this decision.

- 1 [My first concern is about the drinking water of the surrounding communities whose water comes from Yucca Mountain. These people do not just live in Nevada but California as well. If the nuclear waste leaked into the water system then the cancer rate would rise by dramatic levels.

If the cancer levels rose and people died due to the cancer which was caused by a project by the US government you could be looking at many large lawsuits in the future. You would be responsible for the mutation of genes in these communities and will have to put more money for more research on cancer.]

- 2 [I can see why 71 percent of Nevada's population oppose a project that will cost millions and will be filled and forgotten in one day. Where all you would leave behind would be a legacy of disease and contamination. I do not support this project and neither does the state.]

Sincerely,

Mariah Luft